

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven filter media, comprising at least one glass wool fiber web having a gamma value of at least ~~about~~ 14, and a surface area of at least ~~about~~ 1.2 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
2. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 1, wherein the glass wool fiber web is formed from glass wool fibers having a diameter in the range of about 0.1μ to 4.5μ.
3. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 2, wherein the glass wool fibers have a diameter selected from the group consisting of about 0.69μ and about 4.5μ.
4. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 1, further comprising chopped glass fibers combined with the glass wool fibers.
5. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 4, wherein the glass wool fibers and the chopped glass fibers form a filtration layer.
6. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 5, wherein glass wool fibers are present in the filtration layer in the range of about 70% to 99% by weight and the chopped glass fibers are present in the filtration layer in the range of about 1% to 30% by weight.
7. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 1, wherein the filter media is a wet laid filter media.
8. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven filter media, comprising at least one glass fiber web having a gamma value of at least ~~about~~ 14, and an apparent density of at least ~~about~~ 0.15 g/cc.
9. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 8, wherein the at least one glass fiber web includes glass wool fibers having a diameter in the range of about 0.1μ to 4.5μ.
10. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 9, wherein the glass wool fibers have a

diameter of about  $0.69\mu$ .

11. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 8, wherein the filter media is a wet laid filter media.

12. (Original) The nonwoven filter media of claim 8, wherein the apparent density is in the range of about  $0.15\text{ g/cc}$  to  $0.21\text{ g/cc}$ .

13. (Currently Amended) A filter media, comprising:  
a support layer; and  
a filtration layer including glass wool fibers having a diameter in the range of about  $0.1\mu$  to  $4.5\mu$ ;  
wherein the filter media has a gamma value of at least ~~about~~ 14.

14. (Original) The filter media of claim 13, wherein the support layer includes glass fibers having a diameter in the range of about  $4\mu$  to  $30\mu$ .

15. (Currently Amended) The filter media of claim 13, wherein the filter media has a surface area of at least ~~about~~  $1.2\text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ .

16. (Currently Amended) The filter media of claim 13, wherein the filter media has an apparent density of at least ~~about~~  $0.15\text{ g/cc}$ .

17. (Original) The filter media of claim 16, wherein the filter media has an apparent density in the range of about  $0.15\text{ g/cc}$  to  $0.21\text{ g/cc}$ .

18. (Original) The filter media of claim 14, wherein the glass fibers in the support layer have a fiber diameter of about  $4.2\mu$  and the glass wool fibers that form the filtration layer have a fiber diameter of about  $0.69\mu$ .

19. (Original) The filter media of claim 13, wherein the filtration layer further includes chopped

glass fibers combined with the glass wool fibers.

20. (Original) The filter media of claim 19, wherein the glass wool fibers are present in the filtration layer in the range of about 70% to 99% by weight and the chopped glass fibers are present in the filtration layer in the range of about 1% to 30% by weight.

21-30. (Cancelled).